



2015 TOWN OF FAIRFAX

SELECTBOARD MEETING
MONDAY November 2, 2015
7:00 PM

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Selectboard Members Present: Tom Fontaine, Chair, Lauri Fisher, Vice-Chair, Randy DeVine and Leebeth Ann Lemieux.

Staff Present: Amy Sears, D. Jay Leach, Colin Santee and Deb Woodward.

Public Present: Robby Rodimer and Sally Sweet; Patricia Gallant and Kyle Metayer, Library Trustees.

Call to Order: Tom called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Minutes:

10.19.15 - Leebeth moved that we accept the minutes with a parcel i.d. change seconded by Lauri. The motion so moved 4-0.

Payroll and Orders: Leebeth reviewed the warrants for the Utility Department and Randy reviewed the Town warrants - which were approved.

Public Input/Correspondence/Announcements:

Sally Sweet is here inquiring about the status of finding an easy access to Mudgett Cemetery. Tom addressed Sally that the proposed site for a road was deemed a wetland by the state. Lauri stated that a proposed easement to the cemetery was never finalized by the previous owners. Tom will do some research on an alternate path as well as speak with Jim Minor, Chair of the Cemetery Commission.

Patricia Gallant, Chair and Kyle Metayer, Treasurer BFA Library Trustees

The 2016 Library budget was reviewed. Kyle talked about programs that they would like to acquire, getting more access of electronic resources in line with the FWSU district, electronic magazines and expanding our Listen Up program. They discussed prioritizing the librarian's salary as she is undercompensated according to VLA guidelines.

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D. Jay Leach, Highway Department – Road Foreman

D. Jay informed the board that the trucks are ready for winter. They are still working on installing guardrails, ditching and shoulder work continues as well as replacing missing street signs around town. They mowed two weeks longer this year than last year. D. Jay expressed his concern with snowmobiles traveling on Allen Irish Road, crossing Route 104 and traveling onto Cleary Road. D. Jay will be meeting with Tom next week to discuss some new projects.

Randy thanked D. Jay, from the Utility Department, for cutting brush at the sludge field. The sheriff coverage was discussed as this week there's more nighttime coverage. The town would like FCSO to patrol more during the daytime hours. We will contact FCSO.

Amy Sears, Utility Manager

Amy presented a revised budget with a breakdown of payroll for 2016 as well as a Profit and Loss Budget vs. Actual report. She stated that meters are currently being read. Amy and Randy will be meeting with the town attorney to discuss a possible legal matter next week.

Colin Santee, Parks and Recreation Director

Colin discussed the success of the Haunted House of which the proceeds goes to the CFC. He thanked all the people involved in making the Haunted House a success. He's working with Skip and Amber in the Zoning Department as the Baptist building will need a "change of use" permit. The town will waive the fee associated with the permit. Colin informed the Board that Cody has 18 hours remaining in keeping with the budget. Tom would like Cody to seal the ceiling in the pavilion. Colin has ordered new entrance signs for the recreation area. The YMCA would like to run summer camps for eight weeks in the summer of 2016. Next on the agenda for Colin and the Rec. Dept. is the Holiday Tree.

Other Business:

1. Baptist building: A title search was performed by Attorney Monaghan's office - certifying marketable title. Lauri stated that the only thing left to do is to exchange documents to transfer title. Lauri informed the Board that there is no mention in the title opinion of an easement for Larry Young; that actually there's a deed from 1935, conveyed out to the trustees of the First Baptist Church, a 45' in width section down the westerly side of the property (the Steen's side of the property), which is conveyed to Larry Young's predecessor and title. Lauri will inform Colin of the finding as he will be meeting with Mr. Young in the near future. Lauri will reach out to Attorney Monaghan to follow-up on the easements.
2. Covered Bridge Grant: The town received a \$9,000.00 structures grant from the State of Vermont. We will contact Jan Lewandoski, Restoration & Traditional Building, to perform the work in the spring of 2016.
3. Sidewalk update Phase I: The Board was updated on the progress, or lack thereof, in getting the work easements returned from the residents located in phase 1. We would like to go to construction of the new sidewalks in 2016.
4. SB Appointment: The Board received a resignation email from Keith Potvin, effective immediately. We will advertise the vacancy with a deadline of December 4th.

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5. Town Report quotes: We received two quotes, which were reviewed. By consensus of the Board the quote from Repro for \$4,125.00/1600 copies was approved.

6. Randy is getting new blueprints for the sewer system from Repro. The current blueprints are thirty-seven years old. He has also ordered a new set for the water system as well

Adjourn:

*Leebeth made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm., seconded by Lauri. The motion so moved 4-0. The next regular Selectboard meeting will be held on Monday November 16th at 7 p.m.

The minutes were respectfully submitted by Stacy Wells, Adm. Asst. to the Selectboard.

Tom Fontaine, Chair
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